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**Why doesn't Senator Murray Support All Nominees?**

**Senator Patty Murray Claimed That Inaction On Female And Minority Nominees Was Denying Justice And Holding The System Hostage.**

“We are here today to strongly object to the Republican majority who continues to block the confirmation of qualified judges, especially women and minorities. This is about justice, and justice delayed is justice denied. By failing to confirm nominees, the Republicans have delayed justice for those who rely on our overburdened court system. As a result of their inaction, cases are piling up in dockets across America. Our justice system is being held hostage, and America's communities are paying the price.” (Senator Patty Murray, Press Conference, September 14, 2000)

**Murray: “Glass Ceiling” For Female And Minority Judicial Nominees Should End.**

“This delay is especially troubling when we look at what's happened to women and minorities. . . . Unfortunately, Republicans have created a glass ceiling that blocks the confirmation of women judges. It's time to dismantle that glass ceiling and let qualified jurists take their place on the bench. We are here to send a message to the Republican leadership: Confirm the judicial nominees pending before the Senate, and let these qualified men and women fill the vacancies in courtrooms across America.” (Senator Patty Murray, Press Conference, September 14, 2000)